(viii) CIL would undertake vertification of such consumers of erstwhile non-core sector consumers, in a time bound manner, either directly or through an agency, so as to check the veracity of their claim of being *bona fide* consumers of coal and thereafter act accordingly.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply given at (c) above.

Listing of Coal India

1023. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to get Coal India listed on the bourses to ensure vibrancy in its functioning and enable it to generate resources to meet country's requirements;

(b) whether Government constituted a GoM under Home Minister to study National Mineral Policy, 2007 and proposed coal mining, block auction for captive purposes by amending Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957;

(c) whether his Ministry approved appointments of 40 independent directors of CIL and its seven subsidiaries to bring vibrancy in its functioning; and

(d) the recommendations of the GoM and steps taken to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) 28 independent directors have been appointed on the Boards of Directors of Coal India Limited and its subsidiary companies.

(d) The Group of Ministers (GoM) recommended that the proposal for introduction of auction of coal mining blocks for captive use through competitive bidding by amending the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 may be placed before Cabinet for approval. The matter was placed before the Cabinet which has approved the proposal.

Development work on the surface of underground coal mines

†1024. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has permitted the development work on the surface of the areas acquired for underground coal mines after carrying out the mining work;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the offers made to Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. It is normal practice for the coal companies to construct buildings, roads, stadiums, parks, etc. in the areas depending on suitability of ground where underground mining has been completed.

In case of abandoned open cast mines, apart from afforestation, the sites are converted

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.